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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed July 14, 2003 (Paper No. 19), and in connection with the filing of a request for continued examination, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and authorization to pay the \$168.00 37 CFR Sec. 1.16(b) fee, the \$750.00 37 CFR Sec. 1.17(e) fee, the \$930.00 37 CFR Sec. 1.17(a)(3) fee and the \$18.00 37 CFR Sec. 1.16(c) fee accompanies this response.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please substitute the following claims 1, 9-11, 13 and 18-21 for claims 1, 9-11, 13 and 18-21 now pending in the above-identified application.

Please add new claims 22-24.